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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

SCARLATO Confirmation No.: 7930

Serial No.: 10/695,499 Group Art Unit: 1645

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Title: MENINGOCOCCAL ANTIGENS

## RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 3, 2004 for which a response was initially due by December 3, 2004. Accordingly, applicants request an extension of time in which to respond and the appropriate fees accompany this response.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.